(b) whether the sucessful bidders would be charged with a token licence fee of Rs. 1.00 per year for use of the railways land;

(c) whether the bidders would be required to share a part of their revenue, on per tonne consignment handled basis, apart from the licence fee; and

(d) whether the railways would make available such warehousing facilities for public sector undertaking like Coal India, Cement Corporation of India, Food Corporation of India and Fertilizer co-operatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise

Gonda-Bahraich-Sitapur-Lucknow railway line

†4012. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that sanction was accorded to the conversion of Gonda-Bahraich-Sitapur-Lucknow railway line into double line in 1997-98 on the out of turn basis;

(b) if so, the amount provided for this project during the last five years;

(c) whether work on Gonda-Bahraich (60 Kms.) phase-I has started;

(d) if so, steps taken to complete this entire project; and

(e) by when this would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) The work of Gauge Conversion of Gonda-Bahraich (60.34 Kms.) as first phase of Gonda-Bahraich-Sitapur-Lucknow gauge conversion project was included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98 with the proviso that work would be taken up after obtaining requisite clearances. The clearance for the project was accorded by the Government in September, 2001. The anticipated expenditure upto March, 2005 on the project is Rs. 1,0020 crore. An outlay of Rs. 1.00 lakh has been provided for the project in the Budget 2005-06.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) to (e) Earth work and bridge work have been taken up. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources. No target has been fixed so far for completing the project.

Bookstalls at Railway Stations

4013. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 185 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 2000 and state the action taken by Government regarding removal of discriminations among bookstalls contractors at railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) All the discriminations among bookstalls contractors at railway stations have been removed *vide* Bookstall Policy issued in June, 2004 by the Ministry of Railways.

FDI in Steel Plants in Orissa

4014. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foreign Direct Investment offers have lately been invited for the 12 million tonnes integrated steel plants in Orissa;

(b) whether Pohang Steel Company of South Korea has offered an FDI of $12.4 billion, if so, on what terms; and

(c) whether their terms were not acceptable to the Orissa Government if so, on what grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) As per information made available by Government of Orissa, no such offers have been invited.

(b) Pohang Steel Company of South Korea has evinced interest for setting up of a port based 12 million tones per annum integrated steel plant in Orissa with an investment of about Rs. 40,000 crores.